Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)	US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY DOCKET NO. 110708	APPLICATION NO. 09/937,481
		APPLICANT(S) Makoto KONDO	
		FILING DATE December 20, 2001	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
DBE	1	4,748,478	05/31/1988	Suwa et al.	—	—
DBE	2	5,486,896	01/23/1996	Hazama et al.	—	—
DBE	3	5,593,800	01/14/1997	Fujioka et al.	—	—
DBE	4	6,213,607 B1	04/10/2001	Watanabe et al.	—	—

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
DBE	5	JP A 6-349711	12/22/1994	JAPAN	—	—
DBE	6	JP A 7-135166	05/23/1995	JAPAN	—	—
DBE	7	JP A 7-235466	09/05/1995	JAPAN	—	—
DBE	8	JP A 10-256140	09/25/1998	JAPAN	—	—

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

EXAMINER *D. Berg Esq.*	DATE CONSIDERED 1/30/03

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.